



SEPTEMBER 2006 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **USDA/NASS NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the **SEPTEMBER YIELD SURVEY** conducted the last week of August and the first week of September. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,

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Director

NEW MEXICO: September forecast for **corn for grain** production remained steady with the August forecast at 9 million bushels, down from 9.6 million in 2005. Harvested acreage is down from 55,000 acres to 50,000 acres, while yields are still expected to average 180 bushels compared to 175 bushels last year. **Upland cotton** yields were forecasted at 1,008 pounds per acre compared to 1,016 pounds per acre one year ago. Producers were expecting to harvest 50,000 acres. **American-Pima** cotton yields were forecasted at 997 pounds per acre down from 918 pounds per acre. Harvested acres were expected to reach 13,000. **Sorghum for grain** production is forecasted at 2.0 million bushels with yields, down 22% from 2005, at 35.0 bushels per acre. **Peanut** production is forecasted to reach 56.0 million pounds with yields averaging 3,500 pounds per acre. **Potato** harvested acreage is expected to be 5,000 acres compared to 4,200 in 2005.

UNITED STATES: **Corn for grain** acreage harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 71.8 million acres, down 250,000 acres from August and down 4 percent from 2005. **All cotton** production is forecast at 20.3 million 480-pound bales, down slightly from last month and down 15 percent from last year's record high production. Yield is expected to average 762 pounds per acre, down 3 pounds from last month and down 69 pounds from last year. **Upland cotton** harvested area, at 12.5 million acres, is virtually unchanged from last month but down 8 percent from 2005. **American-Pima** harvested area, at 324,000 acres, is down 9,000 acres from last month but up 21 percent from last year. **Sorghum**

production is forecast at 305 million bushels, 3 percent above last month but down 23 percent from last year. **Peanut** production is forecast at 3.20 billion pounds, down 34 percent from last year's crop and down 2 percent from last month. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1980. Planted area was revised to 1.24 million acres, down 2 percent from the August estimate and down 25 percent from last year. **Fall potato** production of 2005 is finalized at 383 million cwt, 7 percent below both the 2004 and 2003 crops. Area harvested, at 949,000 acres, was 7 percent below the previous year and down 13 percent from two years ago. The average yield was 403 cwt per acre, up 2 cwt from 2004 and 27 cwt above 2003.

September 2006 Crop Summary: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2005 and Forecasted September 1, 2006

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
		-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Units-----		-----1,000 Units-----	
NEW MEXICO							
Corn for Grain	Bu.	55	50	175.0	180.0	9,625	9,000
All Cotton ^{1/ 2/}	Lb.	62.5	63.0	998	1,006	130.0	132.0
Upland Cotton ^{1/ 2/}	Lb.	51.0	50.0	1,016	1,008	108.0	105.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/ 2/}	Lb.	11.5	13.0	918	997	22.0	27.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	97	85	45.0	35.0	4,365	2,075
Peanuts	Lb.	19.0	16.0	3,300	3,500	62,700	56,000
Potatoes, Fall ^{3/}	Cwt.	4.2	5.0	420	---	1,764	---
UNITED STATES							
Corn for Grain	Bu.	75,107	71,841	147.9	154.7	11,112,072	11,113,766
All Cotton ^{1/ 2/}	Lb.	13,802.6	12,816.0	831	762	23,890.2	20,345.0
Upland Cotton ^{1/ 2/}	Lb.	13,534.0	12,492.0	825	750	23,259.7	19,520.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/ 2/}	Lb.	268.6	324.0	1,127	1,222	630.5	825.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	5,736	5,317	68.7	57.3	393,893	304,635
Peanuts	Lb.	1,629.0	1,213.0	2,960	2,640	4,821,250	3,202,600
Potatoes, Fall ^{3/}	Cwt.	949.0	974.4	403	---	382,743	---

^{1/} Production ginned and to be ginned. ^{2/} Yield reported in pounds per acre; production in bales (480 lb. Net wt.). ^{3/} The forecast of fall potato production will be published in the "November Crop Production".